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## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents, other than the U.S. documents, listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO/SB/08A for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

To the extent the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are not in the English language, the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English abstract.

US Patent No. 5,526,370 a member of the same patent family as JP 08-187591.

US Patent No. 6,585,149 a member of the same patent family as 2003-46229.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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